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AUSTIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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5919 Austin Grove Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103



To Our Church Family and Friends:

Thank you so much for how you have ministered to the families that have needed you so very much. May God's love be magnified and may each one feel His arms around them.

A devotion from the book (Jesus Calling) I am reading goes like this "I am preparing you for what is on the road ahead, just around the bend. Take time to be still in My Presence so that I can strengthen you. The busier you become, the more you need this time apart with Me. So many people think that time spent with

Me is a luxury they cannot afford. As a result, they live and work in their own strength—until that becomes depleted. Then they either cry out to Me for help or turn away in bitterness.

How much better it is to walk close to Me, depending on My strength and trusting Me in every situation. If you live in this way, you will do less but accomplish far more. Your unhurried pace of living will stand out in this rush-crazed age. Some people may deem you lazy, but many more will be blessed by your peacefulness. Walk in the Light with Me, and you will reflect Me to the watching world."

This is based on Isaiah 64:4; John 15:5; Psalm 36:9.

As we begin a new year may we take time to grow closer and closer to our Lord. He is our strength and salvation. He is our help.

Thank you for allowing Cindy and I to serve you.

*Leon and Cindy*

## Prayer for a new year

Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee, to be thine forever. Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit. Use me as thou wilt. Send me where thou wilt, and work out thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever. Amen.

—Betty Scott Stam



## "Help Me Be"

*Lord, help me be your heart today,  
providing hope for those who stray.*

*Lord, help me be your love today,  
displaying grace in every way.*

*Lord, help me be your Word today,  
proclaiming good when all is gray.*

—MaryAnn Sundby



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### SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 Worship Service.....10:45 AM  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY

GospelNight( Ignite Kidz & Ignite  
 Youth).....6:30M  
 Prayer Meeting.....6:45 PM  
 Adult Choir.....7:30PM

- 2 Brittany Crowe
- 2 Laura Ann Ikerd
- 2 Shane Michael Jordan
- 5 Calvin Hartis
- 5 Matthew Oster
- 6 Nathan Baucom
- 6 Chris Guffey
- 8 Billy Bennett
- 8 Delane Bennett
- 8 Cathy Lacroix
- 9 Anna Edwards
- 9 Jacklyn Edwards
- 9 Eddie Rivers
- 10 Khoury Nassef
- 11 Toni Riggins
- 11 Hunter Ray Smith
- 12 Tommy Traywick
- 14 Barbara Faulkenberry
- 15 Pat Autry
- 15 Lindsey Faith Nassef
- 18 Benjamin Collins
- 18 Kyle Gordon
- 18 Lainey Preslar
- 19 Laikyn Nicole Newsome
- 19 Cary Preslar
- 19 Morgan Zambarda
- 21 Kaylan Haigler
- 21 Alexandria Miller
- 23 Sandra Helms
- 23 Jay Tiffany
- 23 Kris Tiffany
- 24 Brittany Edwards
- 24 Beverly Napier
- 25 Lisa Tarleton
- 26 Aidan Figueroa
- 26 Emily Oster
- 27 Wayne Griffin
- 28 Michael Jordan
- 29 Amber Griffin



Rocky & Laura Rushing in the passing of his grandfather, Wayne Rushing

Baxter & Debbie Jordan, Michael & Alicia Jordan & family, Jason & Amanda Vann in the loss of their son & brother, Christopher Jordan.



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Congratulations to Ms. Jackie Byrd, the proud great-grandmother of twin boys!

Max Lucado series, *You'll Get Through This*, will start back up on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue on Wednesday nights at 6:45pm.

### Women's Ministry Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

6:30pm in the fellowship hall  
(please note time change)

All ladies are invited. We will have a special guest, Barbara Griffin from New Salem, joining us. For our project, please bring in new socks for men, scarves, caps, gloves and new or gently used coats. These will be taken to the Homeless Shelter.

### Fundraiser for Frances Seymour

We have a special opportunity to help the Baptist Men of Region 6 sponsor this fund raiser for the wife of deceased Baptist Men's Director, David Seymour on January 18<sup>th</sup>. We are asked to provide desserts for this meal. If you can provide a dessert, sign up on Women's bulletin board by Tuesday, Jan. 14 and have your dessert in the fellowship hall by 1:00pm on Friday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Nursing Home Residents

#### Autumn Care

Leo Edwards (106)  
Barbara Wood (608)

#### Brian Center

Judith Griffin

#### Kindred Transitional Care & Rehabilitation

Robert Ansley (360)

#### Jesse Helms Ctr

Margaret Connell

### Anniversaries

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Long
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Morris Williams
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Hartis
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Walker
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Cary Preslar
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Wade Haigler

**UBA Winter Session**

**Tuesday, January. 28**

**6:00pm**

**Calvary Baptist Church, Monroe**

**All visitors & messengers are invited**

**Women of Joy Conference**

**Myrtle Beach**

**May 2 – 4, 2014.**

If interested see women's bulletin board for more information & to sign up.

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**T-SHIRT ORDER**



Psalm 136:26  
T- shirts are  
\$7.95 for S-XL  
\$10.95 for 2X-5X

If you would like to order a t-shirt, please see bulletin board by **January 5, 2014.**



Dominican Republic Mission Trip is tentatively being planned for February, 2014. If you are interested in going, please see Freddy Griffin.

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**Escape Plan Men's Conference  
with Rev. Johnny Hunt**

**Friday, March 14, 5:30-10pm &  
Sat., March 15, 7:30-10:30am.**

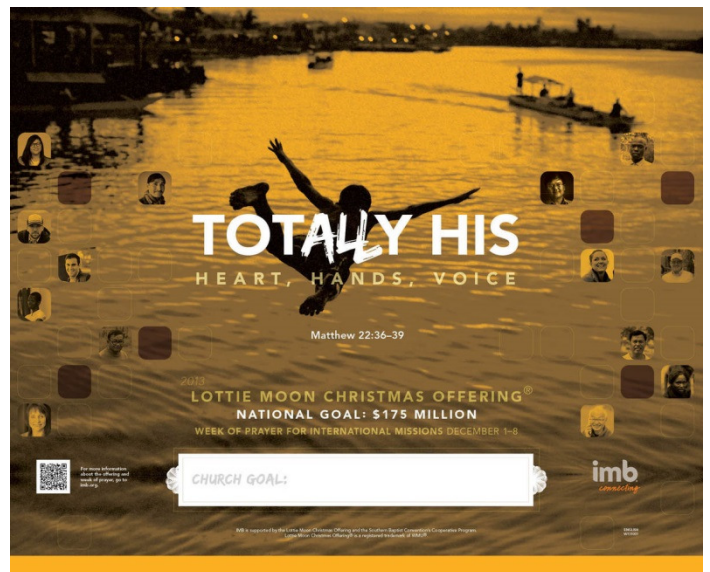
**Prospect Baptist Church, Albemarle**

Cost-\$50 (includes Friday night meal & materials). Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board if interested.

**Region 6 Missions Rally  
Monday, Feb. 10**

**Hopewell Baptist Church, Monroe  
Supper -6:00, Program – 6:50**

If you would like to attend, please see sign up sheet on bulletin board by Feb. 2.



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering –  
Total received as of 12/31/13: \$9,414.75**